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APPLICATION OF GREENWOOD §  
WATER CORPORATION FOR AN §  
ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT UNDER §  
TEXAS WATER CODE § 13.1872 §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Greenwood Water Corporation for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. Greenwood is a class D utility requesting that its water monthly base rates and block gallonage rates be increased by 5.0%. The Commission approves the application to the extent provided in this Notice of Approval.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Greenwood is a domestic for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state on March 15, 1982 under registration number 60027600.
2. Greenwood provides water service under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11792 in Midland County and serves 296 active connections.
3. Greenwood operates one Texas Commission on Environmental Quality-approved public water system (PWS) registered under PWS identification number 1650078 (Greenwood Water System).

Application

4. On October 28, 2019, Greenwood filed an application for a class D annual rate increase of 5%.
5. Greenwood proposed an effective date of December 28, 2019.
6. In Order No. 4 filed on December 18, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) deemed the application administratively complete and accepted for filing and established an effective date of January 30, 2020.

7. This filing is Greenwood’s first class D rate adjustment request.

**Rate Adjustment**

8. Greenwood requested an 5.0% annual rate adjustment to its water tariff base rate and its water gallonage rates.

9. Greenwood proposed increasing the monthly water base rate as follows:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Approved Tariff Base Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Base Rate</b>
5/8” or 3/4”	\$ 72.58	\$ 76.21
1”	\$ 181.45	\$ 190.52
1 1/2”	\$ 362.90	\$ 381.05
2”	\$ 580.64	\$ 609.67
3”	\$1,088.70	\$1,143.14
4”	\$1,814.50	\$1,905.23

10. Greenwood proposed increasing the water gallonage rates as follows:

<b>Gallons</b>	<b>Approved Block Gallonage Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Block Gallonage Rate</b>
0 to 20,000	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.12
20,001 to 25,000	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.40
25,001 to 30,000	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.69
30,001 to 35,000	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.97
35,001 and over	\$ 4.32	\$ 4.54

**Tariff**

11. On December 6, 2019, Commission Staff filed the proposed tariff as an attachment to its recommendation.

**Notice**

12. In Order No. 4, the ALJ required Greenwood to provide notice of the rate adjustment to each ratepayer.

13. On January 3, 2020, Greenwood filed proof of notice being sent by first class mail to all ratepayers on December 27, 2019.

**Informal Disposition**

14. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice provided in this docket.

15. No person filed a protest or motion to intervene.

16. Greenwood and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.

- 17. No party requested a hearing and no hearing is needed.
- 18. Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.
- 19. This decision is not adverse to any party.

**II. Conclusions of Law**

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the application under TWC § 13.1872.
- 2. Greenwood is a utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and is a class D utility under TWC § 13.002(4-d).
- 3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), Greenwood may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
- 4. An increase in Greenwood’s water base rates and gallonage rates of 5.0% complies with TWC § 13.1872(e)(2).
- 5. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirements of the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> and Commission rules.
- 6. Greenwood has demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
- 7. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.
- 8. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), the applicant must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.
- 9. Greenwood provided notice to the ratepayers in accordance with TWC § 13.1872(c)(1).

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov’t Code ch. 2001.

**III. Ordering Paragraphs**

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

1. The Commission approves the application for a class D annual rate adjustment.
2. The Commission increases Greenwood’s monthly water base rates for its water system to the following:

Meter Size	Rate
5/8” or 3/4”	\$ 76.21
1”	\$ 190.52
1½”	\$ 381.05
2”	\$ 609.67
3”	\$1,143.14
4”	\$1,905.23

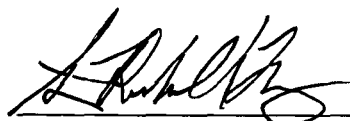
3. The Commission increases Greenwood’s water gallonage rates to the following:

Block Gallonage	Rate
0 to 20,000	\$ 3.12
20,001 to 25,000	\$ 3.40
25,001 to 30,000	\$ 3.69
30,001 to 35,000	\$ 3.97
35,001 and over	\$ 4.54

4. The Commission approves the proposed tariff filed by Commission Staff on December 6, 2019.
5. Within ten days of this Notice of Approval, Commission Staff must file a clean copy of the tariff with Central Records to be marked *Approved* and kept in the Commission tariff book.
6. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that have not been expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



**STEVEN LEARY  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**